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AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

a1 (Amended) An apparatus for effecting a change in at least a portion of a selected site of a collagen containing tissue that is adjacent to [an at least partially] a fluid medium, comprising:

an energy delivery device including a proximal portion and a distal portion configured to